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LETTER DATED 16 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement issued on 16 January 1991 by the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the current Chairman of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, regarding the situation in the Persian Gulf.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this statement to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Darko SILOVIC
Ambassador

Annex

Statement issued on 16 January 1991 by the current Chairman of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries regarding the situation in the Persian Gulf

Yugoslavia, the current Chairman of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, believes that at this crucial juncture all the sides involved in the Gulf crisis should reflect once again upon the enormous dangers of a war conflict and its disastrous consequences. Therefore, at this dramatic moment, Yugoslavia appeals, first of all, to President Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi leadership to act in favour of peace, in the interest of Iraq and the Iraqi people, the security of the entire region and world stability. We make this appeal at a time when the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, among the founding members of which is Iraq, faces the historical challenge to confirm stronger than ever the universal value of the principle of peace and the peaceful settlement of disputes.

We hope that it is still not too late for Iraq to comply with the principles of law and peace - which constitute the essence of the Charter of the United Nations and of the new international era, thus being imperative for each participant on the world scene - and to demonstrate its good will by taking the first step towards withdrawal from Kuwait, a State member of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries. This could enable all the parties involved and the international community as a whole finally to assume their share of responsibility for the peace and security in the Gulf region and the Middle East, above all for resolving the Palestinian problem and for an early convening of an international conference on the Middle East.

In this spirit, Yugoslavia, as the Chairman of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, renders its full support to the latest statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, and stands ready to continue its efforts so that reason may prevail and the way open for establishing a secure peace and stability to be shared by all the countries and nations of the region.